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DENIES PLAN TO REORGANIZE ARMY; LISTS TRANSFERS IN WAR MINISTRY

SAYS RUMORS UNFOUNDED -- Keyhan, 20, 23 Jul 50

Several days ago, Radio Brazzaville, quoting a London source, stated that certain changes in the ranks of Iranian Army will occur, and that former regulations concerning the ranks of Iranian Army officers will be revised to resemble those of the US, France, and Great Britain. As a result of recent plans made by the Iranian War Ministry, the broadcast added, the number of field marshals, marshals, brigadier generals, and colonels shall be decreased to a minimum, and only a few generals shall remain in the service.

This news comes as a surprise to Iranian cabinet members, senators, and representatives, as well as to the Iranian press, since not a single word concerning this subject was ever published in the Iranian Military Journal. Furthermore, none of the responsible offices have prepared such a plan.

It has been noticed that contradictory reports on such subjects as Iran's need for economic assistance are frequently made by foreign radios and correspondents, while Iranian authorities neither confirm nor deny them. Such activity is tantamount to a war of nerves. Actually most foreign reports are devoid of any truth.

Some foreigners, who have sinister intentions toward Iran, have indicated that in order to carry out their objectives they are resorting to a war of nerves by spreading malicious rumors in order to impress their views on Iran's policy makers. The recent broadcast is a case in point.

ANNOUNCES NEW POSTS -- Etelaat, 31 Jul 50

The following transfers in the War Ministry have been announced:

1. Major General Mozayyani, former assistant War Minister, to the post of Inspector of the Eastern District.

2. Major General Moayyani to the post of Inspector of the Western District.

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3. Major General Golshayan to the post of Commander of the Eighth Division in Kerman.

4. Brigadier General Beyglari to the post of Chief of Staff of Inspectors of the Western District.

5. Brigadier General Zahedi to the post of Chief of Personnel in the War Ministry.

6. Brigadier General Ahmad Sartipi, former Commander of the Kerman Division to the War Ministry.

7. Brigadier General Bayendar, to the post of Chief of Army Engineers - Department.

8. Brigadier General Dadsetan, to the post of Commander of the Gorgan Brigade.

9. Brigadier General Mobashsheri, former Commander of the Gorgan Brigade to the War Ministry.

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